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- ☒ 4. A list of documents on Form PTO-1449 together with copies of each identified document and a translation or a concise explanation of each non-English language document (such as a Search Report) is enclosed herewith.

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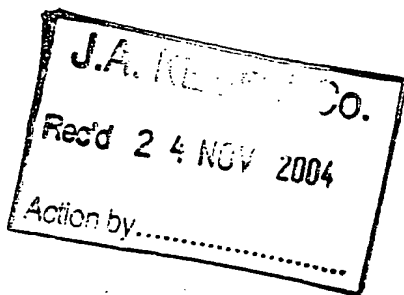
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## COMMUNICATION

The European Patent Office herewith transmits

- ☐ the European search report
- ☐ the declaration under Rule 45 EPC
- ☒ the partial European search report under Rule 45 EPC
- ☐ the supplementary European search report concerning the international application under Article 157(2) EPC relating to the above-mentioned European patent application. Copies of the documents cited in the search report are enclosed.

The following specifications given by the applicant have been approved by the Search Division:

- ☐ Abstract ☐ Title ☐ Figure
- ☐ The abstract was modified by the Search Division and the definitive text is attached to this communication.
- ☐ The following figure will be published with the abstract, since the Search Division considers that it better characterises the invention than the one indicated by the applicant.

Figure:

- ☒ Additional copy(copies) of the documents cited in the European search report.

## REFUND OF THE SEARCH FEE

If applicable under Article 10 Rules relating to fees, a separate communication from the Receiving Section on the refund of the search fee will be sent later.

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### CLAIMS INCURRING FEES

The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

- ☐ Only part of the claims have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claim(s):
- ☐ No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.

### LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

see sheet B

- ☐ All further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for all claims.
- ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, the Search Division did not invite payment of any additional fee.
- ☒ Only part of the further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for those parts of the European patent application which relate to the inventions in respect of which search fees have been paid, namely claims:  
1-8 partially, relating to inventions 1,12,13,14,15,26,27,28,29
- ☐ None of the further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for those parts of the European patent application which relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims, namely claims:



The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
mouse A-Th/A-CTL in Table 3  
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2. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
mouse B-Th/B-CTL in Table 3  
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3. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
mouse C-Th/C-CTL in Table 3  
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4. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
mouse D-Th/D-CTL in Table 3  
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5. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
macaque Th1/CTL/SIV Gag in Table 3  
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6. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
macaque Th2/CTL/SIV Pol in Table 3  
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7. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
macaque Th3/CTL/HIV-1 Env in Table 3  
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8. claims: 1-8 partially





The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
macaque Th2/CTL/SIV Gag/p11c/I-Y in Table 3  
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9. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
macaque Th3/CTL/SIV Gag/p11c/I-A in Table 3  
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10. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
macaque Th4/CTL/SIV Gag/p11c/I-D in Table 3  
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11. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
macaque Th5/CTL/SIV Gag/p11c/I-K in Table 3  
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12. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
human A-Th/A-CTL in Table 3 (Cont'd)  
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13. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
human B-Th/B-CTL in Table 3 (Cont'd)  
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14. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
human C-Th/C-CTL in Table 3 (Cont'd)  
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15. claims: 1-8 partially



The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
human D-Th/D-CTL in Table 3 (Cont'd)  
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16. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
human A-Th/E-CTL in Table 3 (Cont'd)  
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17. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
human B-Th/F-CTL in Table 3 (Cont'd)  
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18. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
human C-Th/G-CTL in Table 3 (Cont'd)  
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19. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
human D-Th/H-CTL in Table 3 (Cont'd)  
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20. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
E-Th/I-CTL in Table 3 (Cont'd)  
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21. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
human B-Th/E-CTL in Table 3 (Cont'd)  
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22. claims: 1-8 partially



The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
human C-Th/J-CTL in Table 3 (Cont'd)  
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23. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
human A-Th/K-CTL in Table 3 (Cont'd)  
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24. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
human D-Th/L-CTL in Table 3 (Cont'd)  
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25. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
human E-Th/M-CTL in Table 3 (Cont'd)  
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26. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
human A\*-Th/J-CTL in Table 3 (Cont'd)  
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27. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
human A\*-Th/K-CTL in Table 3 (Cont'd)  
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28. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
human A\*-Th/L-CTL in Table 3 (Cont'd)  
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29. claims: 1-8 partially



The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
human A\*-Th/M-CTL in Table 3 (Cont'd)  
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30. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
MVA-1 in Table 4  
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31. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
MVA-2 in Table 4  
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32. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
MVA-3 in Table 4  
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33. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
MVA-4 in Table 4  
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34. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
MVA-5 in Table 4  
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35. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
MVA-6 in Table 4  
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36. claims: 1-8 partially



The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
MVA-7 in Table 4  
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37. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
MVA-8 in Table 4  
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38. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
MVA-9 in Table 4  
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39. claims: 1-8 partially

vaccine, polypeptide, DNA sequence, composition  
corresponding to the peptide named  
MVA-10 in Table 4  
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# SUPPLEMENTARY

## PARTIAL EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT

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The supplementary search report has been based on the last set of claims valid and available at the start of the search.

### INCOMPLETE SEARCH

The Search Division considers that the present application, or some or all of its claims, does/do not comply with the EPC to such an extent that a meaningful search into the state of the art cannot be carried out, or can only be carried out partially, for the following claims:

Claims searched completely :

Claims searched incompletely :

Claims not searched :

Reason for the limitation of the search:

see sheet C

Place of search

Munich

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### CATEGORY OF CITED DOCUMENTS

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Claim(s) searched incompletely:  
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Reason for the limitation of the search:

Present claims 2-8 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds. Support within the meaning of Article 84 EPC and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 83 EPC is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compounds claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds mentioned in Table 3 and 4.